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# COMPATIBILITY OF LOCAL AND GLOBAL LANGLANDS CORRESPONDENCES

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ABSTRACT. We prove the compatibility of local and global Langlands correspondences for  $GL_n$ , which was proved up to semisimplification in [HT]. More precisely, for the  $n$ -dimensional  $l$ -adic representation  $R_l(\Pi)$  of the Galois group of a CM-field  $L$  attached to a conjugate self-dual regular algebraic cuspidal automorphic representation  $\Pi$ , which is square integrable at some finite place, we show that Frobenius semisimplification of the restriction of  $R_l(\Pi)$  to the decomposition group of a prime  $v$  of  $L$  not dividing  $l$  corresponds to  $\Pi_v$  by the local Langlands correspondence.

## INTRODUCTION

This paper is a continuation of [HT]. Let  $L$  be an (imaginary) CM field and let  $\Pi$  be a regular algebraic cuspidal automorphic representation of  $GL_n(\mathbb{A}_L)$  which is conjugate self-dual ( $\Pi \circ c \cong \Pi^\vee$ ) and square integrable at some finite place. In [HT] it is explained how to attach to  $\Pi$  and an arbitrary rational prime  $l$  (and an isomorphism  $\iota : \mathbb{Q}_l^{ac} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}$ ) a continuous semisimple representation

$$R_l(\Pi) : \text{Gal}(L^{ac}/L) \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac})$$

which is characterised as follows. For every finite place  $v$  of  $L$  not dividing  $l$

$$\iota R_l(\Pi)|_{W_{L_v}}^{\text{ss}} = \text{rec}(\Pi_v^\vee | \det | \frac{1-n}{2} |^{\text{ss}}),$$

where  $\text{rec}$  denotes the local Langlands correspondence and  $\text{ss}$  denotes the semisimplification (see [HT] for details). In that book it is also shown that  $\Pi_v$  is tempered for all finite places  $v$ .

In this paper we strengthen this result to completely identify  $R_l(\Pi)|_{I_v}$  for  $v \nmid l$ . In particular, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem A.** *If  $v \nmid l$  then the Frobenius semisimplification of  $R_l(\Pi)|_{W_{L_v}}$  is the  $l$ -adic representation attached to  $\iota^{-1} \text{rec}(\Pi_v^\vee | \det | \frac{1-n}{2} |^{\text{ss}})$ .*

As  $R_l(\Pi)$  is semisimple and  $\text{rec}(\Pi_v^\vee | \det | \frac{1-n}{2} |^{\text{ss}})$  is indecomposable if  $\Pi_v$  is square integrable, we obtain the following corollary.

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**Corollary B.** *If  $\Pi_v$  is square integrable at a finite place  $v \nmid l$ , the representation  $R_l(\Pi)$  is irreducible.*

Using base change it is easy to reduce to the case that  $\Pi_v$  has an Iwahori fixed vector. We descend  $\Pi$  to an automorphic representation  $\pi$  of a unitary group  $G$  which locally at  $v$  looks like  $GL_n$  and at infinity looks like  $U(n-1, 1) \times U(n, 0)^{[L:\mathbb{Q}]/2-1}$ . Then we realise  $R_l(\Pi)$  in the cohomology of a Shimura variety  $X$  associated to  $G$  with Iwahori level structure at  $v$ . More precisely, for some  $l$ -adic sheaf  $\mathcal{L}$ , the  $\pi^p$ -isotypic component of  $H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{L})$  is, up to semisimplification and some twist,  $R_l(\Pi)^a$  (for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ). We show that  $X$  has semistable reduction and use the results of [HT] to calculate the cohomology of the (smooth, projective) strata of the reduction of  $X$  above  $p$  as a virtual  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty, p}) \times F^{\mathbb{Z}}$ -module (where  $F$  denotes Frobenius). This description and the temperedness of  $\Pi_v$  shows that the  $\pi^p$ -isotypic component of the cohomology of any strata is concentrated in the middle dimension. This implies that the  $\pi^p$ -isotypic component of the Rapoport-Zink weight spectral sequence degenerates at  $E_1$ , which allows us to calculate the action of inertia at  $v$  on  $H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{L})$ .

In the special case that  $\Pi_v$  is a twist of a Steinberg representation and  $\Pi_{\infty}$  has trivial infinitesimal character, the above theorem presumably follows from the results of Ito [I].

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## 1. THE MAIN THEOREM

We write  $F^{ac}$  for an algebraic closure of a field  $F$ . Let  $l$  be a rational prime and fix an isomorphism  $\iota : \mathbb{Q}_l^{ac} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}$ .

Suppose that  $p \neq l$  is another rational prime. Let  $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  be a finite extension. We will let  $\mathcal{O}_K$  denote the ring of integers of  $K$ ,  $\wp_K$  the unique maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ ,  $v_K$  the canonical valuation  $K^{\times} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k(v_K)$  the residue field  $\mathcal{O}_K/\wp_K$  and  $|\cdot|_K$  the absolute value normalised by  $|x|_K = (\#k(v_K))^{-v_K(x)}$ . We will let  $\text{Frob}_{v_K}$  denote the geometric Frobenius element of  $\text{Gal}(k(v_K)^{ac}/k(v_K))$ . We will let  $I_{v_K}$  denote the kernel of the natural surjection  $\text{Gal}(K^{ac}/K) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(k(v_K)^{ac}/k(v_K))$ . We will let  $W_K$  denote the preimage under  $\text{Gal}(K^{ac}/K) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(k(v_K)^{ac}/k(v_K))$  of  $\text{Frob}_{v_K}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  endowed with a topology by decreeing that  $I_K$  with its usual topology is an open subgroup of  $W_K$ . Local class field theory provides a canonical isomorphism  $\text{Art}_K : K^{\times} \xrightarrow{\sim} W_K^{ab}$ , which takes uniformisers to lifts of  $\text{Frob}_{v_K}$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0 and of the same cardinality as  $\mathbb{C}$ . (Thus in fact  $\Omega \cong \mathbb{C}$ .) By a *Weil-Deligne representation* of  $W_K$  over  $\Omega$  we mean a finite dimensional  $\Omega$ -vector space  $V$  together with a homomorphism  $r : W_K \rightarrow GL(V)$  with open kernel and an element  $N \in \text{End}(V)$  which satisfies

$$r(\sigma)Nr(\sigma)^{-1} = |\text{Art}_K^{-1}(\sigma)|_K N.$$

We sometimes denote a Weil-Deligne representation by  $(V, r, N)$  or simply  $(r, N)$ .

We call  $(V, r, N)$  *Frobenius semisimple* if  $r$  is semisimple. If  $(V, r, N)$  is any Weil-Deligne representation we define its *Frobenius semisimplification*  $(V, r, N)^{F\text{-ss}} = (V, r^{\text{ss}}, N)$  as follows. Choose a lift  $\phi$  of  $\text{Frob}_{v_K}$  to  $W_K$ . Let  $r(\phi) = su = us$  where  $s \in GL(V)$  is semisimple and  $u \in GL(V)$  is unipotent. For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\sigma \in I_K$  set  $r^{\text{ss}}(\phi^n \sigma) = s^n r(\sigma)$ . This is independent of the choices, and gives a Frobenius semisimple Weil-Deligne representation.

One of the main results of [HT] is that, given a choice of  $(\#k(v_K))^{1/2} \in \Omega$ , there is a bijection  $\text{rec}$  (the local Langlands correspondence) from isomorphism classes of irreducible smooth representations of  $GL_n(K)$  over  $\Omega$  to isomorphism classes of  $n$ -dimensional Frobenius semisimple Weil-Deligne representations of  $W_K$ , and that this bijection is natural in a number of respects. (See [HT] for details.)

We will call a Weil-Deligne representation of  $W_K$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac}$  *bounded* if for some (and hence all)  $\sigma \in W_K - I_K$  all the eigenvalues of  $r(\sigma)$  are  $l$ -adic units. There is an equivalence of categories between bounded Weil-Deligne representations of  $W_K$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac}$  and continuous representations of  $\text{Gal}(K^{ac}/K)$  on finite dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac}$ -vector spaces as follows. Fix a lift  $\phi \in W_K$  of  $\text{Frob}_{v_K}$  and a continuous homomorphism  $t : I_K \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_l$ . Send a Weil-Deligne representation  $(V, r, N)$  to  $(V, \rho)$ , where  $\rho$  is the unique continuous representation of  $\text{Gal}(K^{ac}/K)$  on  $V$  such that

$$\rho(\phi^n \sigma) = r(\phi^n \sigma) \exp(t(\sigma)N)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\sigma \in I_K$ . Up to natural isomorphism this functor is independent of the choices of  $t$  and  $\phi$ . We will write  $\text{WD}(V, \rho)$  for the Weil-Deligne representation corresponding to a continuous representation  $(V, \rho)$ . If  $\text{WD}(V, \rho) = (V, r, N)$ , then have  $\rho|_{W_K}^{\text{ss}} \cong r^{\text{ss}}$ . (See [T], §4 and [D], §8 for details.)

Now suppose that  $L$  is a finite, imaginary CM extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $c \in \text{Aut}(L)$  denote complex conjugation. Suppose that  $\Pi$  is a cuspidal automorphic representation of  $GL_n(\mathbb{A}_L)$  such that

- $\Pi \circ c \cong \Pi^\vee$ ;
- $\Pi_\infty$  has the same infinitesimal character as some algebraic representation over  $\mathbb{C}$  of the restriction of scalars from  $L$  to  $\mathbb{Q}$  of  $GL_n$ ;
- and for some finite place  $x$  of  $L$  the representation  $\Pi_x$  is square integrable.

(In this paper ‘square integrable’ (resp. ‘tempered’) will mean the twist by a character of a pre-unitary representation which is square integrable (resp. tempered).) In [HT] (see theorem C in the introduction of [HT]) it is shown that there is a unique continuous semisimple representation

$$R_l(\Pi) : \text{Gal}(L^{ac}/L) \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac})$$

such that for each finite place  $v \nmid l$  of  $L$

$$\text{rec}(\Pi_v^\vee | \det |^{\frac{1-n}{2}}) = (\iota R_l(\Pi)|_{W_{L_v}^{\text{ss}}}, N)$$

for some  $N$ . Moreover it is shown that  $\Pi_v$  is tempered for all finite places  $v$  of  $L$ , which completely determines the  $N$  (see lemma 1.3 below). If  $n = 1$  both these assertions are true without the assumption that  $\Pi \circ c \cong \Pi^\vee$ .

The main theorem of this paper identifies the  $N$  of  $\text{WD}(R_l(\Pi)|_{\text{Gal}(L_v^{ac}/L_v)})$  with the above  $N$ . More precisely we prove the following.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Keep the above notation and assumptions. Then for each finite place  $v \nmid l$  of  $L$  there is an isomorphism*

$$\iota \text{WD}(R_l(\Pi)|_{\text{Gal}(L_v^{ac}/L_v)})^{F\text{-ss}} \cong \text{rec}(\Pi_v^\vee | \det |^{\frac{1-n}{2}})$$

*of Weil-Deligne representations over  $\mathbb{C}$ .*

As  $R_l(\Pi)$  is semisimple and  $\text{rec}(\Pi_v^\vee | \det |^{\frac{1-n}{2}})$  is indecomposable if  $\Pi_v$  is square integrable, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.2.** *If  $\Pi_v$  is square integrable for a finite place  $v \nmid l$ , then the representation  $R_l(\Pi)$  is irreducible.*

In the rest of this section we consider some generalities on Galois representations and Weil-Deligne representations. First consider Weil-Deligne representations over an algebraically closed field  $\Omega$  of characteristic zero and the same cardinality as  $\mathbb{C}$ . For a finite extension  $K'/K$  of  $p$ -adic fields, we define

$$(V, r, N)|_{W_{K'}} = (V, r|_{W_{K'}}, N).$$

If  $(W, r)$  is a finite dimensional representation of  $W_K$  with open kernel and if  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  we will write  $\text{Sp}_s(W)$  for the Weil-Deligne representation

$$(W^s, r|\text{Art}_K^{-1}|_K^{s-1} \oplus \cdots \oplus r|\text{Art}_K^{-1}|_K \oplus r, N)$$

where  $N : r|\text{Art}_K^{-1}|_K^{i-1} \xrightarrow{\sim} r|\text{Art}_K^{-1}|_K^i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, s-1$ . This defines  $\text{Sp}_s(W)$  uniquely (up to isomorphism). If  $W$  is irreducible then  $\text{Sp}_s(W)$  is indecomposable and every indecomposable Weil-Deligne representation is of the form  $\text{Sp}_s(W)$  for a unique  $s$  and a unique irreducible  $W$ . If  $\pi$  is an irreducible cuspidal representation of  $GL_g(K)$  then  $\text{rec}(\pi) = (r, 0)$  with  $r$  irreducible. Moreover for any  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  we have (in the notation of section I.3 of [HT])  $\text{rec}(\text{Sp}_s(\pi)) = \text{Sp}_s(r)$ .

If  $q \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , then by a *Weil  $q$ -number* we mean  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}^{ac}$  such that for all  $\sigma : \mathbb{Q}^{ac} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  we have  $(\sigma\alpha)(c\sigma\alpha) = q$ . We will call a Weil-Deligne representation  $(V, r, N)$  of  $W_K$  *strictly pure of weight  $k \in \mathbb{R}$*  if for some (and hence every) lift  $\phi$  of  $\text{Frob}_{v_K}$ , every eigenvalue  $\alpha$  of  $r(\phi)$  is a Weil  $(\#k(v_K))^k$ -number. In this case we must have  $N = 0$ . We will call  $(V, r, N)$  *mixed* if it has an increasing filtration  $\text{Fil}_i^W$  with  $\text{Fil}_i^W V = V$  for  $i \gg 0$  and  $= (0)$  for

$i \ll 0$ , such that the  $i$ -th graded piece is strictly pure of weight  $i$ . If  $(V, r, N)$  is mixed then there is a unique choice of filtration  $\text{Fil}_i^W$ , and  $N(\text{Fil}_i^W V) \subset \text{Fil}_{i-2}^W V$ . Finally we will call  $(V, r, N)$  *pure of weight  $k$*  if it is mixed with all weights in  $k + \mathbb{Z}$  and if for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$

$$N^i : \text{gr}_{k+i}^W V \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{gr}_{k-i}^W V.$$

If  $W$  is strictly pure of weight  $k$ , then  $\text{Sp}_s(W)$  is pure of weight  $k - (s - 1)$  for any  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ . (It is generally conjectured that if  $X$  is a proper smooth variety over a  $p$ -adic field  $K$ , then  $\text{WD}(H^i(X \times_K K^{ac}, \mathbb{Q}_l^{ac}))$  is pure of weight  $i$  in the above sense.)

**Lemma 1.3.** (1)  $(V, r, N)$  is pure if and only if  $(V, r, N)^{F\text{-ss}}$  is.

- (2) If  $L/K$  is a finite extension, then  $(V, r, N)$  is pure if and only if  $(V, r, N)|_{W_L}$  is pure.
- (3) An irreducible smooth representation  $\pi$  of  $GL_n(K)$  has  $\sigma\pi$  tempered for all  $\sigma : \Omega \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  if and only if  $\text{rec}(\pi)$  is pure of some weight.
- (4) Given  $(V, r)$  with  $r$  semisimple, there is, up to equivalence, at most one choice of  $N$  which makes  $(V, r, N)$  pure.
- (5) If  $(V, r, N)$  is a Frobenius semisimple Weil-Deligne representation which is pure of weight  $k$  and if  $W \subset V$  is a Weil-Deligne subrepresentation, then the following are equivalent:
  - (a)  $\bigwedge^{\dim W} W$  is pure of weight  $k \dim W$ ,
  - (b)  $W$  is pure of weight  $k$ ,
  - (c)  $W$  is a direct summand of  $V$ .
- (6) Suppose that  $(V, r, N)$  is a Frobenius semisimple Weil-Deligne representation which is pure of weight  $k$ . Suppose also that  $\text{Fil}^j V$  is a decreasing filtration of  $V$  by Weil-Deligne subrepresentations such that  $\text{Fil}^j V = (0)$  for  $j \gg 0$  and  $\text{Fil}^j V = V$  for  $j \ll 0$ . If for each  $j$

$$\bigwedge^{\dim \text{gr}^j V} \text{gr}^j V$$

is pure of weight  $k \dim \text{gr}^j V$ , then

$$V \cong \bigoplus_j \text{gr}^j V$$

and each  $\text{gr}^j V$  is pure of weight  $k$ .

*Proof:* The first two parts are straightforward (using the fact that the filtration  $\text{Fil}_i^W$  is unique). For the third part recall that an irreducible smooth representation  $\text{Sp}_{s_1}(\pi_1) \boxplus \cdots \boxplus \text{Sp}_{s_t}(\pi_t)$  (see section I.3 of [HT]) is tempered if and only if the absolute values of the central characters of the  $\text{Sp}_{s_i}(\pi_i)$  are all equal.

Suppose that  $(V, r, N)$  is Frobenius semisimple and pure of weight  $k$ . As a  $W_K$ -module we can write uniquely  $V = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} V_i$  where  $(V_i, r, 0)$  is strictly pure of weight  $k + i$ . For  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  let  $V(i)$  denote the kernel of  $N^{i+1} : V_i \rightarrow V_{-i-2}$ . Then  $N : V_{i+2} \hookrightarrow V_i$  and  $V_i = NV_{i+2} \oplus V(i)$ . Thus

$$V = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \bigoplus_{j=0}^i N^j V(i),$$

and for  $0 \leq j \leq i$  the map  $N^j : V(i) \rightarrow V_{i-2j}$  is injective. Also note that as a virtual  $W_K$ -module  $[V(i)] = [V_i] - [V_{i+2} \otimes |\mathrm{Art}_K^{-1}|_K]$ . Thus if  $r$  is semisimple then  $(V, r)$  determines  $(V, r, N)$  up to isomorphism. This establishes the fourth part.

Now consider the fifth part. If  $W$  is a direct summand it is certainly pure of the same weight  $k$  and  $\bigwedge^{\dim W} W$  is then pure of weight  $k \dim W$ . Conversely if  $W$  is pure of weight  $k$  then

$$W = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \bigoplus_{j=0}^i N^j W(i),$$

where  $W(i) = W \cap V(i)$ . As a  $W_K$ -module we can decompose  $V(i) = W(i) \oplus U(i)$ . Setting

$$U = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \bigoplus_{j=0}^i N^j U(i),$$

we see that  $V = W \oplus U$  as Weil-Deligne representations. Now suppose only that  $\bigwedge^{\dim W} W$  is pure of weight  $k \dim W$ . Write

$$W \cong \bigoplus_j \mathrm{Sp}_{s_j}(X_j)$$

where each  $X_j$  is strictly pure of some weight  $k + k_j + (s_j - 1)$ . Then, looking at highest exterior powers, we see that  $\sum_j k_j = 0$ . On the other hand as  $V$  is pure we see that  $k_j \leq 0$  for all  $j$ . We conclude that  $k_j = 0$  for all  $j$  and hence that  $W$  is pure of weight  $k$ .

The final part follows from the fifth part by a simple inductive argument.  $\square$

Now let  $L$  denote a number field. Write  $|\cdot|_L$  for

$$\prod_x |\cdot|_{L_x} : \mathbb{A}_L^\times / L^\times \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}^\times,$$

and write  $\mathrm{Art}_L$  for

$$\prod_x \mathrm{Art}_{L_x} : \mathbb{A}_L^\times / L^\times \twoheadrightarrow \mathrm{Gal}(L^{ac}/L)^{\mathrm{ab}}.$$

We will call a continuous representation

$$R : \mathrm{Gal}(L^{ac}/L) \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac})$$

*pure of weight  $k$*  if for all but finitely many finite places  $x$  of  $L$  the representation  $R$  is unramified at  $x$  and every eigenvalue  $\alpha$  of  $R(\mathrm{Frob}_x)$  is a Weil  $(\#k(x))^k$ -number. Note that if  $n = 1$  then  $R$  is pure of weight  $k$  if and only if for all  $\iota : \mathbb{Q}_l^{ac} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  we have  $|\iota R \circ \mathrm{Art}_L|^2 = |\cdot|_L^{-k}$ . In particular if  $n = 1$  and  $R$  is pure then  $R|_{W_{L_x}}$  is strictly pure for all finite places  $x$  of  $L$ .

We have the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.4.** *Suppose that  $M/L$  is a finite extension of number fields. Suppose also that*

$$R : \text{Gal}(L^{ac}/L) \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac})$$

*is a continuous semisimple representation which is pure of weight  $k$ . Suppose that*

$$S : \text{Gal}(M^{ac}/M) \longrightarrow GL_{an}(\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac})$$

*is another continuous representation with  $S^{\text{ss}} \cong R|_{\text{Gal}(M^{ac}/M)}^a$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . Suppose finally that  $w$  is a place of  $M$  above a finite place  $v$  of  $L$ . If  $\text{WD}(S|_{\text{Gal}(M_w^{ac}/M_w)})$  is pure of weight  $k$ , then  $\text{WD}(R|_{\text{Gal}(L_v^{ac}/L_v)})$  is also pure of weight  $k$ .*

*Proof:* Write

$$R|_{\text{Gal}(M^{ac}/M)} = \bigoplus_i R_i$$

where each  $R_i$  is irreducible. Then  $\det R_i$  is pure of weight  $k \dim R_i$  and so that the top exterior power  $\bigwedge^{\dim R_i} \text{WD}(R_i|_{\text{Gal}(M_w^{ac}/M_w)})$  is also pure of weight  $k \dim R_i$ . Lemma 1.3(6) tells us that

$$\text{WD}(S|_{\text{Gal}(M_w^{ac}/M_w)})^{F\text{-ss}} \cong \left( \bigoplus_i \text{WD}(R_i|_{\text{Gal}(M_w^{ac}/M_w)})^{F\text{-ss}} \right)^a \cong \left( \text{WD}(R|_{\text{Gal}(M_w^{ac}/M_w)})^{F\text{-ss}} \right)^a,$$

and that  $\text{WD}(R|_{\text{Gal}(M_w^{ac}/M_w)})^{F\text{-ss}}$  is pure of weight  $w$ . Applying lemma 1.3(1) and (2), we see that  $\text{WD}(R|_{\text{Gal}(L_v^{ac}/L_v)})$  is also pure.  $\square$

## 2. SHIMURA VARIETIES

In this section we study the geometry of integral models of Shimura varieties of the type considered in [HT], but with Iwahori level. It may be viewed as a generalisation of the work of Deligne-Rapoport [DR] in the case of modular curves.

In this section,

- let  $E$  be an imaginary quadratic field,  $F^+$  a totally real field and set  $F = EF^+$ ;
- let  $p$  be a rational prime which splits  $p = uu^c$  in  $E$ ;
- and let  $w = w_1, \dots, w_r$  be the primes of  $F$  above  $u$ ;
- and let  $B$  be a division algebra with centre  $F$  such that
  - $\dim_F B = n^2$ ,
  - $B^{\text{op}} \cong B \otimes_{F,c} F$ ,
  - at every place  $x$  of  $F$  either  $B_x$  is split or a division algebra,
  - if  $n$  is even then the number of finite places of  $F^+$  above which  $B$  is ramified is congruent to  $1 + \frac{n}{2}[F^+ : \mathbb{Q}]$  modulo 2.



Pick a positive involution  $*$  on  $B$  with  $*|_F = c$ . Let  $V = B$  as a  $B \otimes_F B^{\text{op}}$ -module. For  $\beta \in B^{*-1}$  define a pairing

$$\begin{aligned} (\ , \ ) : V \times V &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Q} \\ (x_1, x_2) &\longmapsto \text{tr}_{F/\mathbb{Q}} \text{tr}_{B/F}(x_1 \beta x_2^*). \end{aligned}$$

Also define an involution  $\#$  on  $B$  by  $x^\# = \beta x^* \beta^{-1}$  and a reductive group  $G/\mathbb{Q}$  by setting, for any  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra  $R$ , the group  $G(R)$  equal to the set of

$$(\lambda, g) \in R^\times \times (B^{\text{op}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} R)^\times$$

such that

$$gg^\# = \lambda.$$

Let  $\nu : G \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m$  denote the multiplier character sending  $(\lambda, g)$  to  $\lambda$ . Note that if  $x$  is a rational prime which splits  $x = yy^c$  in  $E$  then

$$\begin{aligned} G(\mathbb{Q}_x) &\xrightarrow{\sim} (B_y^{\text{op}})^\times \times \mathbb{Q}_x^\times \\ (\lambda, g) &\longmapsto (g_y, \lambda). \end{aligned}$$

We can and will assume that

- if  $x$  is a rational prime which does not split in  $E$  the  $G \times \mathbb{Q}_x$  is quasisplit;
- the pairing  $(\ , \ )$  on  $V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{R}$  has invariants  $(1, n-1)$  at one embedding  $\tau : F^+ \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and invariants  $(0, n)$  at all other embeddings  $F^+ \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

(See section I.7 of [HT] for details.)

Let  $U$  be an open compact subgroup of  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$ . Define a functor  $\mathfrak{X}_U$  from the category of pairs  $(S, s)$ , where  $S$  is a connected locally noetherian  $F$ -scheme and  $s$  is a geometric point of  $S$ , to the category of sets, sending  $(S, s)$  to the set of isogeny classes of four-tuples  $(A, \lambda, i, \bar{\eta})$  where

- $A/S$  is an abelian scheme of dimension  $[F^+ : \mathbb{Q}]n^2$ ;
- $i : B \hookrightarrow \text{End}(A) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\text{Lie } A \otimes_{(F \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{O}_S), 1 \otimes 1} \mathcal{O}_S$  is locally free over  $\mathcal{O}_S$  of rank  $n$  and the two actions of  $F^+$  coincide;
- $\lambda : A \rightarrow A^\vee$  is a polarisation such that for all  $b \in B$  we have  $\lambda \circ i(b) = i(b^*)^\vee \circ \lambda$ ;
- $\bar{\eta}$  is a  $\pi_1(S, s)$ -invariant  $U$ -orbit of isomorphisms of  $B \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{A}^\infty$ -modules  $\eta : V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{A}^\infty \rightarrow VA_s$  which take the standard pairing  $(\ , \ )$  on  $V$  to a  $(\mathbb{A}^\infty)^\times$ -multiple of the  $\lambda$ -Weil pairing on  $VA_s$ .

Here  $VA_s = \left( \varprojlim_N A[N](k(s)) \right) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$  is the adelic Tate module. For the precise notion of isogeny class see section III.1 of [HT]. If  $s$  and  $s'$  are both geometric points of a connected locally noetherian  $F$ -scheme  $S$  then  $\mathfrak{X}_U(S, s)$  and  $\mathfrak{X}_U(S, s')$  are in canonical bijection. thus we may think of  $\mathfrak{X}_U$  as a functor from connected locally noetherian  $F$ -schemes to sets. We

may further extend it to a functor from all locally noetherian  $F$ -schemes to sets by setting

$$\mathfrak{X}_U\left(\prod_i S_i\right) = \prod_i \mathfrak{X}_U(S_i).$$

If  $U$  is sufficiently small (i.e. for some finite place  $x$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  the projection of  $U$  to  $G(\mathbb{Q}_x)$  contains no element of finite order except 1) then  $\mathfrak{X}_U$  is represented by a smooth projective variety  $X_U/F$  of dimension  $n-1$ . The inverse system of the  $X_U$  for varying  $U$  has a natural action of  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$ .

Choose a maximal  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -order  $\mathcal{O}_B$  of  $B$  with  $\mathcal{O}_B^* = \mathcal{O}_B$ . Also fix an isomorphism  $\mathcal{O}_{B,w}^{\text{op}} \cong M_n(\mathcal{O}_{F,w})$ , and let  $\varepsilon \in B_w$  denote the element corresponding to the diagonal matrix  $(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \in M_n(\mathcal{O}_{F,w})$ . We decompose  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$  as

$$(1) \quad G(\mathbb{A}^\infty) = G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p}) \times \left( \prod_{i=2}^r (B_{w_i}^{\text{op}})^\times \right) \times GL_n(F_w) \times \mathbb{Q}_p^\times.$$

Let  $\varpi$  denote a uniformiser for  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ . For  $m = (m_2, \dots, m_r) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{r-1}$ , set

$$U_p^w(m) = \prod_{i=2}^r \ker((\mathcal{O}_{B,w_i}^{\text{op}})^\times \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_{B,w_i}^{\text{op}}/w_i^{m_i})^\times) \subset \prod_{i=2}^r (B_{w_i}^{\text{op}})^\times.$$

Let  $B_n$  denote the Borel subgroup of  $GL_n$  consisting of upper triangular matrices and let  $N_n$  denote its unipotent radical. Let  $\text{Iw}_{n,w}$  denote the subgroup of  $GL_n(\mathcal{O}_{F,w})$  consisting of matrices which reduce modulo  $w$  to  $B_n(k(w))$ . We will consider the following open subgroups of  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ma}(m) &= U_p^w(m) \times GL_n(\mathcal{O}_{F,w}) \times \mathbb{Z}_p^\times \\ \text{Iw}(m) &= U_p^w(m) \times \text{Iw}_{n,w} \times \mathbb{Z}_p^\times \end{aligned}$$

Let  $U^p$  be an open compact subgroup of  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p})$ . Write  $U_0$  (resp.  $U$ ) for  $U^p \times \text{Ma}(m)$  (resp.  $U^p \times \text{Iw}(m)$ ).

We recall that in section III.4 [HT] integral model of  $X_{U_0}$  over  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$  is defined. It represents the functor  $\mathfrak{X}_{U_0}$  from locally noetherian  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -schemes to sets. As above,  $\mathfrak{X}_{U_0}$  is initially defined on the category of connected locally noetherian  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$  schemes with a geometric point to sets. It sends  $(S, s)$  to the set of prime-to- $p$  isogeny classes of  $(r+3)$ -tuples  $(A, \lambda, i, \overline{\eta}^p, \alpha_i)$ , where

- $A/S$  is an abelian scheme of dimension  $[F^+ : \mathbb{Q}]n^2$ ;
- $i : \mathcal{O}_B \hookrightarrow \text{End}(A) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  such that  $\text{Lie } A \otimes_{(\mathcal{O}_{E,u} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathcal{O}_S), 1 \otimes 1} \mathcal{O}_S$  is locally free of rank  $n$  and the two actions of  $\mathcal{O}_F$  coincide;
- $\lambda : A \rightarrow A^\vee$  is a prime-to- $p$  polarisation such that for all  $b \in \mathcal{O}_B$  we have  $\lambda \circ i(b) = i(b^*)^\vee \circ \lambda$ ;

- $\overline{\eta}^p$  is a  $\pi_1(S, s)$ -invariant  $U^p$ -orbit of isomorphisms of  $B \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{A}^{\infty, p}$ -modules  $\eta : V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{A}^{\infty, p} \rightarrow V^p A_s$  which take the standard pairing  $(\ , \ )$  on  $V$  to a  $(\mathbb{A}^{\infty, p})^{\times}$ -multiple of the  $\lambda$ -Weil pairing on  $V^p A_s$ ;
- for  $2 \leq i \leq r$ ,  $\alpha_i : (w_i^{-m_i} \mathcal{O}_{B, w_i} / \mathcal{O}_{B, w_i})_S \xrightarrow{\sim} A[w_i^{m_i}]$  is an isomorphism of  $S$ -schemes with  $\mathcal{O}_B$ -actions;

Then  $X_{U_0}$  is smooth and projective over  $\mathcal{O}_{F, w}$  ([HT], page 109). As  $U^p$  varies, the inverse system of the  $X_{U_0}$ 's has an action of  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty, p})$ .

Given an  $(r+3)$ -tuple as above we will write  $\mathcal{G}_A$  for  $\varepsilon A[w^{\infty}]$  a Barsotti-Tate  $\mathcal{O}_{F, w}$ -module. Over a base in which  $p$  is nilpotent it is one dimensional. If  $\mathcal{A}$  denotes the universal abelian scheme over  $X_{U_0}$ , we will write  $\mathcal{G}$  for  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{A}}$ . This  $\mathcal{G}$  is *compatible*, i.e. the two actions of  $\mathcal{O}_{F, w}$  on  $\text{Lie } \mathcal{G}$  coincide (see [HT]).

Write  $\overline{X}_{U_0}$  for the special fibre  $X_{U_0} \times_{\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{F, w}} \text{Spec } k(w)$ . For  $0 \leq h \leq n-1$ , we let  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{[h]}$  denote the reduced closed subscheme of  $\overline{X}_{U_0}$  whose closed geometric points  $s$  are those for which the maximal etale quotient of  $\mathcal{G}_s$  has  $\mathcal{O}_{F, w}$ -height at most  $h$ , and let

$$\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)} = \overline{X}_{U_0}^{[h]} - \overline{X}_{U_0}^{[h-1]}$$

(where we set  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{[-1]} = \emptyset$ ). Then  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$  is smooth of pure dimension  $h$  (corollary III.4.4 of [HT]), and on it there is a short exact sequence

$$(0) \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}^0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}^{\text{et}} \longrightarrow (0)$$

where  $\mathcal{G}^0$  is a formal Barsotti-Tate  $\mathcal{O}_{F, w}$ -module and  $\mathcal{G}^{\text{et}}$  is an etale Barsotti-Tate  $\mathcal{O}_{F, w}$ -module with  $\mathcal{O}_{F, w}$ -height  $h$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $0 \leq h \leq n-1$  then the Zariski closure of  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$  contains  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(0)}$ .*

*Proof:* This is ‘well known’, but for lack of a reference we give a proof. Let  $x$  be a closed geometric point of  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(0)}$ . By lemma II.4.1 of [HT] the formal completion of  $\overline{X}_{U_0} \times \text{Spec } k(w)^{ac}$  at  $x$  is isomorphic to the equicharacteristic universal deformation ring of  $\mathcal{G}_x$ . According to the proof of proposition 4.2 of [Dr] this is  $\text{Spf } k(w)^{ac}[[T_1, \dots, T_{n-1}]]$  and we can choose the  $T_i$  and a formal parameter  $S$  on the universal deformation of  $\mathcal{G}_x$  such that

$$[\varpi_w](S) \equiv \varpi_w S + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T_i S^{\#k(w)^i} + S^{\#k(w)^n} \pmod{S^{\#k(w)^{n+1}}}.$$

Thus we get a morphism

$$\text{Spec } k(w)^{ac}[[T_1, \dots, T_{n-1}]] \longrightarrow \overline{X}_{U_0}$$

lying over  $x : k(w)^{ac} \rightarrow \overline{X}_{U_0}$ , such that, if  $k$  denotes the algebraic closure of the field of fractions of  $k(w)^{ac}[[T_1, \dots, T_{n-1}]]/(T_1, \dots, T_{n-h-1})$ , then the induced map

$$\text{Spec } k \longrightarrow \overline{X}_{U_0}$$

factors through  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$ . Thus  $x$  is in the closure of  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$ , and the lemma follows.  $\square$

Now we define the functor  $\mathfrak{X}_U$ . Again we initially define it as a functor from the category of connected locally noetherian schemes with a geometric point to sets, but then (as above) we extend it to a functor from locally noetherian schemes to sets. The functor  $\mathfrak{X}_U$  will send  $(S, s)$  to the set of prime-to- $p$  isogeny classes of  $(r+4)$ -tuples  $(A, \lambda, i, \overline{\eta}^p, \mathcal{C}, \alpha_i)$ , where  $(A, \lambda, i, \overline{\eta}^p, \alpha_i)$  is as in the definition of  $gX_{U_0}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a chain of isogenies

$$\mathcal{C} : \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_n = \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{G}[w]$$

of compatible Barsotti-Tate  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -modules, each of degree  $\#k(w)$  and with composite equal to the canonical map  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{G}[w]$ . There is a natural transformation of functors  $\mathfrak{X}_U \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_{U_0}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *The functor  $\mathfrak{X}_U$  is represented by a scheme  $X_U$  which is finite over  $X_{U_0}$ . The scheme  $X_U$  has some irreducible components of dimension  $n$ .*

*Proof:* By denoting the kernel of  $\mathcal{G}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_j$  by  $\mathcal{K}_j \subset \mathcal{G}[w]$ , we can view the above chain as a flag

$$0 = \mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{K}_1 \subset \mathcal{K}_2 \subset \cdots \subset \mathcal{K}_{n-1} \subset \mathcal{K}_n = \mathcal{G}[w]$$

of closed finite flat subgroup schemes with  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -action, with each  $\mathcal{K}_j/\mathcal{K}_{j-1}$  having order  $\#k(w)$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  denote the sheaf of Hopf algebras over  $X_{U_0}$  defining  $\mathcal{G}[w]$ . Then  $\mathfrak{X}_U$  is represented by a closed subscheme  $X_U$  of the Grassmanian of chains of locally free direct summands of  $\mathcal{H}$ . (The closed conditions require that the subsheaves are sheaves of ideals defining a flag of closed subgroup schemes with the desired properties.) Thus  $X_U$  is projective over  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ . At each closed geometric point  $s$  of  $X_{U_0}$  the number of possible  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -submodules of  $\mathcal{G}[w]_s \cong \mathcal{G}[w]_s^0 \times \mathcal{G}[w]_s^{\text{et}}$  is finite, so  $X_U$  is finite over  $X_{U_0}$ . To see that  $X_U$  has some components of dimension  $n$  it suffices to note that on the generic fibre the map to  $X_{U_0}$  is finite etale.  $\square$

We say an isogeny  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}'$  of one-dimensional compatible Barsotti-Tate  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -modules over a scheme  $S$  of characteristic  $p$  has *connected kernel* if it induces the zero map on  $\text{Lie } \mathcal{G}$ . We will denote the relative Frobenius map by  $F : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{(p)}$  and let  $f = [k(w) : \mathbb{F}_p]$ , and then  $F^f : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{(\#k(w))}$  is an isogeny of compatible Barsotti-Tate  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -modules of degree  $\#k(w)$  and has connected kernel.

We have the following rigidity lemma.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $W$  denote the ring of integers of the completion of the maximal unramified extension of  $F_w$ . Suppose that  $R$  is an Artinian local  $W$ -algebra with residue field  $k(w)^{ac}$ . Suppose also that*

$$\mathcal{C} : \mathcal{G}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_n = \mathcal{G}_0$$

*is a chain of isogenies of degree  $\#k(w)$  of one-dimensional compatible formal Barsotti-Tate  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -modules of  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -height  $n$  with composite equal to multiplication by  $\varpi_w$ . If every isogeny  $\mathcal{G}_{i-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_i$  has connected kernel (for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) then  $R$  is a  $k(w)^{ac}$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{C}$*

is the pull-back of a chain of Barsotti-Tate  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -modules over  $k(w)^{ac}$ , with all the isogenies isomorphic to  $F^f$ .

*Proof:* As the composite of the  $n$  isogenies induces multiplication by  $\varpi_w$  on the tangent space,  $\varpi_w = 0$  in  $R$ , i.e.  $R$  is a  $k(w)^{ac}$ -algebra. Choose a parameter  $T_i$  for  $\mathcal{G}_i$  over  $R$ . With respect to these choices, let  $f_i(T_i) \in R[[T_i]]$  represent  $\mathcal{G}_{i-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_i$ . We can write  $f_i(T_i) = g_i(T_i^{p^{h_i}})$  with  $h_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and  $g'_i(0) \neq 0$ . (See [F], chapter I, §3, Theorem 2.) As  $\mathcal{G}_{i-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_i$  has connected kernel,  $f'_i(0) = 0$  and  $h_i > 0$ . As  $f_i$  commutes with the action  $[r]$  for all  $r \in \mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ , we have  $\bar{r}^{p^{h_i}} = \bar{r}$  for all  $\bar{r} \in k(w)$ , hence  $h_i$  is a multiple of  $f = [k(w) : \mathbb{F}_p]$ . Reducing modulo the maximal ideal of  $R$  we see that  $h_i \leq f$  and so in fact  $h_i = f$  and  $g'_i(0) \in R^\times$ . Thus  $\mathcal{G}_i \cong \mathcal{G}_0^{(\#k(w)^i)}$  in such a way that the isogeny  $\mathcal{G}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_i$  is identified with  $F^{fi}$ . In particular  $\mathcal{G}_0 \cong \mathcal{G}_0^{(\#k(w)^n)}$  and hence  $\mathcal{G}_0 \cong \mathcal{G}_0^{(\#k(w)^{nm})}$  for any  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . As  $R$  is Artinian some power of the absolute Frobenius on  $R$  factors through  $k(w)^{ac}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{G}_0$  is a pull-back from  $k(w)^{ac}$  and the lemma follows.  $\square$

Now let  $Y_{U,i}$  denote the closed subscheme of  $\bar{X}_U = X_U \times_{\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{F,w}} \text{Spec } k(w)$  over which  $\mathcal{G}_{i-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_i$  has connected kernel.

**Proposition 2.4.** (1)  $X_U$  has pure dimension  $n$  and semistable reduction over  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ , that is, for all closed points  $x$  of the special fibre  $X_U \times_{\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{F,w}} \text{Spec } k(w)$ , there exists an étale morphism  $V \rightarrow X_U$  with  $x \in \text{Im } V$  and an étale  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -morphism:

$$V \longrightarrow \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{F,w}[T_1, \dots, T_n] / (T_1 \cdots T_m - \varpi_w)$$

for some  $1 \leq m \leq n$ , where  $\varpi_w$  is a uniformizer of  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ .

- (2)  $X_U$  is regular and the natural map  $X_U \rightarrow X_{U_0}$  is finite and flat.
- (3) Each  $Y_{U,i}$  is smooth over  $\text{Spec } k(w)$  of pure dimension  $n - 1$ ,  $\bar{X}_U = \bigcup_{i=1}^n Y_{U,i}$  and, for  $i \neq j$  the schemes  $Y_{U,i}$  and  $Y_{U,j}$  share no common connected component. In particular,  $X_U$  has strictly semistable reduction.

*Proof:* In this proof we will make repeated use of the following version of Deligne's homogeneity principle ([DR]). Write  $W$  for the ring of integers of the completion of the maximal unramified extension of  $F_w$ . In what follows, if  $s$  is a closed geometric point of an  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -scheme  $X$  locally of finite type, then we write  $\mathcal{O}_{X,s}^\wedge$  for the completion of the strict Henselisation of  $X$  at  $s$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{O}_{X \times \text{Spec } W, s}^\wedge$ . Let **P** be a property of complete noetherian local  $W$ -algebras such that if  $X$  is a  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -scheme locally of finite type then the set of closed geometric points  $s$  of  $X$  for which  $\mathcal{O}_{X,s}^\wedge$  has property **P** is Zariski open. Also let  $X \rightarrow X_{U_0}$  be a finite morphism with the following properties

- (i) If  $s$  is a closed geometric point of  $\bar{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$  then, up to isomorphism,  $\mathcal{O}_{X,s}^\wedge$  does not depend on  $s$  (but only on  $h$ ).
- (ii) There is a unique geometric point of  $X$  above any geometric point of  $\bar{X}_{U_0}^{(0)}$ .

If  $\mathcal{O}_{X,s}^\wedge$  has property **P** for every geometric point of  $X$  over  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(0)}$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_{X,s}^\wedge$  has property **P** for every closed geometric point of  $X$ . Indeed, if we let  $Z$  denote the closed subset of  $X$  where **P** does not hold, then its image in  $X_{U_0}$  is closed and is either empty or contains some  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$ . In the latter case, by lemma 2.1, it also contains  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(0)}$ , which is impossible. Thus  $Z$  must be empty.

Note that both  $X = X_U$  and  $X = Y_{U,i}$  satisfy the above condition (ii) for the homogeneity principle, by letting  $R = k(w)^{ac}$  in lemma 2.3.

(1): The dimension of  $\mathcal{O}_{X_U,s}^\wedge$  as  $s$  runs over geometric points of  $X_U$  above  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(0)}$  is constant, say  $m$ . Applying the homogeneity principle to  $X = X_U$  with **P** being ‘dimension  $m$ ’, we see that  $X_U$  has pure dimension  $m$ . By lemma 2.2 we must have  $m = n$  and  $X_U$  has pure dimension  $n$ .

Now we will apply the above homogeneity principle to  $X = X_U$  taking **P** to be ‘isomorphic to  $W[[T_1, \dots, T_n]]/(T_1 \cdots T_m - \varpi_w)$  for some  $m \leq n$ ’. By a standard argument (see e.g. the proof of proposition 4.10 of [Y]) the set of points with this property is open and if all closed geometric points of  $X_U$  have this property **P** then  $X_U$  is semistable of pure dimension  $n$ .

Let  $s$  be a geometric point of  $X_U$  over a point of  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(0)}$ . Choose a basis  $e_i$  of  $\text{Lie } \mathcal{G}_i$  over  $\mathcal{O}_{X_U,s}^\wedge$  such that  $e_n$  maps to  $e_0$  under the isomorphism  $\mathcal{G}_n = \mathcal{G}_0/\mathcal{G}_0[w] \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{G}_0$  induced by  $\varpi_w$ . With respect to these bases let  $X_i \in \mathcal{O}_{X_U,s}^\wedge$  represent the linear map  $\text{Lie } \mathcal{G}_{i-1} \rightarrow \text{Lie } \mathcal{G}_i$ . Then

$$X_1 \cdots X_n = \varpi_w.$$

Moreover it follows from lemma 2.3 that  $\mathcal{O}_{X_U,s}^\wedge/(X_1, \dots, X_n) = k(w)^{ac}$ . (Because, by lemma III.4.1 of [HT],  $\mathcal{O}_{X_{U_0},s}^\wedge$  is the universal deformation space of  $\mathcal{G}_s$ . Hence by lemma 2.3,  $\mathcal{O}_{X_U,s}^\wedge$  is the universal deformation space for the chain

$$\mathcal{G}_s \xrightarrow{F^f} \mathcal{G}_s^{(\#k(w))} \xrightarrow{F^f} \cdots \xrightarrow{F^f} \mathcal{G}_s^{(\#k(w)^n)} \cong \mathcal{G}_s/\mathcal{G}_s[\varpi_w].)$$

Thus we get a surjection

$$W[[X_1, \dots, X_n]]/(X_1 \cdots X_n - \varpi_w) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X_U,s}^\wedge$$

and as  $\mathcal{O}_{X_U,s}^\wedge$  has dimension  $n$  this map must be an isomorphism.

(2): We see at once that  $X_U$  is regular. Then [AK] V, 3.6 tells us that  $X_U \rightarrow X_{U_0}$  is flat.

(3): We apply the homogeneity principle to  $X = Y_{U,i}$  taking **P** to be ‘formally smooth of dimension  $n - 1$ ’. If  $s$  is a geometric point of  $Y_{U,i}$  above  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(0)}$  then we see that  $\mathcal{O}_{Y_{U,i},s}^\wedge$  is cut out in  $\mathcal{O}_{X_U,s}^\wedge \cong W[[X_1, \dots, X_n]]/(X_1 \cdots X_n - \varpi_w)$  by the single equation  $X_i = 0$ . (We are using the parameters  $X_i$  defined above.) Thus

$$\mathcal{O}_{Y_{U,i},s}^\wedge \cong k(w)^{ac}[[X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n]]$$

is formally smooth of dimension  $n - 1$ . We deduce that  $Y_{U,i}$  is smooth of pure dimension  $n - 1$ .

As our  $\mathcal{G}/\overline{X}_U$  is one-dimensional, over a closed point, at least one of the isogenies  $\mathcal{G}_{i-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_i$  must have connected kernel, which shows that  $\overline{X}_U = \bigcup_i Y_{U,i}$ . Suppose  $Y_{U,i}$  and  $Y_{U,j}$  share a connected component  $Y$  for some  $i \neq j$ . Then  $Y$  would be finite flat over  $\overline{X}_{U_0}$  and so the image of  $Y$  would meet  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(n-1)}$ . This is impossible as above a closed point of  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(n-1)}$  one isogeny among the chain can have connected kernel. Thus, for  $i \neq j$  the closed subschemes  $Y_{U,i}$  and  $Y_{U,j}$  have no connected component in common.  $\square$

By the strict semistability, if we write, for  $S \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,

$$Y_{U,S} = \bigcap_{i \in S} Y_{U,i}, \quad Y_{U,S}^0 = Y_{U,S} - \bigcup_{T \supsetneq S} Y_{U,T}$$

then  $Y_{U,S}$  is smooth over  $\text{Spec } k(w)$  of pure dimension  $n - \#S$  and  $Y_{U,S}^0$  are disjoint for different  $S$ . With respect to the finite flat map  $\overline{X}_U \rightarrow \overline{X}_{U_0}$ , the inverse image of  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{[h]}$  is exactly the locus where at least  $n - h$  of the isogenies have connected kernel, i.e.  $\bigcup_{\#S \geq n-h} Y_{U,S}$ . Hence the inverse image of  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$  is equal to  $\bigcup_{\#S=n-h} Y_{U,S}^0$ . Also note that the inverse system of  $Y_{U,S}^0$  for varying  $U^p$  is stable by the action of  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p})$ .

Next we will relate the open strata  $Y_{U,S}^0$  to the Igusa varieties of the first kind defined in [HT]. For  $0 \leq h \leq n - 1$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^r$ , we write  $I_{U^p,m}^{(h)}$  for the Igusa varieties of the first kind defined on page 121 of [HT]. We also define an *Iwahori-Igusa variety of the first kind*

$$I_U^{(h)}/\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$$

as the moduli space of chains of isogenies

$$\mathcal{G}^{\text{et}} = \mathcal{G}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_h = \mathcal{G}^{\text{et}}/\mathcal{G}^{\text{et}}[w]$$

of etale Barsotti-Tate  $\mathcal{O}_{F,w}$ -modules, each isogeny having degree  $\#k(w)$  and with composite equal to the natural map  $\mathcal{G}^{\text{et}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{\text{et}}/\mathcal{G}^{\text{et}}[w]$ . Then  $I_U^{(h)}$  is finite etale over  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$ , and as the Igusa variety  $I_{U^p,(1,m)}^{(h)}$  classifies the isomorphisms

$$\alpha_1^{\text{et}} : (w^{-1}\mathcal{O}_{F,w}/\mathcal{O}_{F,w})_{\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}}^h \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}^{\text{et}}[w],$$

the natural map

$$I_{U^p,(1,m)}^{(h)} \longrightarrow I_U^{(h)}$$

is finite etale and Galois with Galois group  $B_h(k(w))$ . Hence we can identify  $I_U^{(h)}$  with  $I_{U^p,(1,m)}^{(h)}/B_h(k(w))$ . Note that the system  $I_U^{(h)}$  for varying  $U^p$  naturally inherits the action of  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p})$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** *For  $S \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $\#S = n - h$ , there exists a finite map of  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$ -schemes*

$$\varphi : Y_{U,S}^0 \longrightarrow I_U^{(h)}$$

which is bijective on the geometric points.

*Proof:* The map is defined in a natural way from the chain of isogenies  $\mathcal{C}$  by passing to the etale quotient  $\mathcal{G}^{\text{et}}$ , and it is finite as  $Y_{U,S}^0$  (resp.  $I_U^{(h)}$ ) is finite (resp. finite etale) over  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$ . Let  $s$  be a closed geometric point of  $I_U^{(h)}$  with a chain of isogenies

$$\mathcal{G}_s^{\text{et}} = \mathcal{G}_0^{\text{et}} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_h^{\text{et}} = \mathcal{G}_s^{\text{et}} / \mathcal{G}_s^{\text{et}}[w].$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq n$  let  $j(i)$  denote the number of elements of  $S$  which are less than or equal to  $i$ . Set  $\mathcal{G}_i = (\mathcal{G}_s^0)^{(\#k(w)^{j(i)})} \times \mathcal{G}_{i-j(i)}^{\text{et}}$ . If  $i \notin S$ , define an isogeny  $\mathcal{G}_{i-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_i$  to be the identity times the given isogeny  $\mathcal{G}_{i-1}^{\text{et}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_i^{\text{et}}$ . If  $i \in S$ , define an isogeny  $\mathcal{G}_{i-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_i$  to be  $F^f$  times the identity. Then

$$\mathcal{G}_0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_n$$

defines the unique geometric point of  $Y_{U,S}^0$  above  $s$ .  $\square$

Now recall from [HT] III.2, that for an irreducible algebraic representation  $\xi$  of  $G$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac}$ , one can associate a lisse  $\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac}$ -sheaf  $\mathcal{L}_\xi / X_U$  for every  $U$  such that  $X_U$  is defined, and the action of  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p})$  extends to  $\mathcal{L}_\xi$ . The sheaf  $\mathcal{L}_\xi$  is extended to the integral models and Igusa varieties, and on  $I_{U^p,(1,m)}^{(h)}$ ,  $I_U^{(h)}$  and  $Y_{U,S}^0$  they are the pull back of  $\mathcal{L}_\xi$  on  $\overline{X}_{U_0}^{(h)}$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** *For every  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we have isomorphisms*

$$\begin{aligned} H_c^i(Y_{U,S}^0 \times_{k(w)} k(w)^{ac}, \mathcal{L}_\xi) &\xrightarrow{\sim} H_c^i(I_U^{(h)} \times_{k(w)} k(w)^{ac}, \mathcal{L}_\xi) \\ &\xrightarrow{\sim} H_c^i(I_{U^p,(1,m)}^{(h)} \times_{k(w)} k(w)^{ac}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)^{B_h(k(w))} \end{aligned}$$

that are compatible with the actions of  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p})$  when we vary  $U^p$ .

*Proof:* By lemma 2.5, for any lisse  $\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac}$ -sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $I_U^{(h)}$ , we have  $\mathcal{F} \cong \varphi_* \varphi^* \mathcal{F}$  by looking at the stalks at all geometric points. As  $\varphi$  is finite the first isomorphism follows. The second isomorphism follows easily as  $I_{U^p,(1,m)}^{(h)} \rightarrow I_U^{(h)}$  is finite etale and Galois with Galois group  $B_h(k(w))$ .  $\square$

In the next section, we will be interested in the  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p}) \times \text{Frob}_w^{\mathbb{Z}}$ -modules

$$H^i(Y_{\text{Iw}(m),S}, \mathcal{L}_\xi) = \varinjlim_{U^p} H^i(Y_{U,S} \times_{k(w)} k(w)^{ac}, \mathcal{L}_\xi).$$

Here we relate the alternating sum of these modules to the cohomology of Igusa varieties. We will define the elements of  $\text{Groth}(G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p}) \times \text{Frob}_w^{\mathbb{Z}})$  (we write  $\text{Groth}(G)$  for the



Grothendieck group of admissible  $G$ -modules) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} [H(Y_{\mathrm{Iw}(m),S}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)] &= \sum_i (-1)^{n-\#S-i} H^i(Y_{\mathrm{Iw}(m),S}, \mathcal{L}_\xi), \\ [H_c(Y_{\mathrm{Iw}(m),S}^0, \mathcal{L}_\xi)] &= \sum_i (-1)^{n-\#S-i} \varinjlim_{U^p} H_c^i(Y_{U,S}^0 \times_{k(w)} k(w)^{ac}, \mathcal{L}_\xi), \\ [H_c(I_{\mathrm{Iw}(m)}^{(h)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)] &= \sum_i (-1)^{h-i} \varinjlim_{U^p} H_c^i(I_U^{(h)} \times_{k(w)} k(w)^{ac}, \mathcal{L}_\xi). \end{aligned}$$

Then, because

$$Y_{U,S} = \bigcup_{T \supset S} Y_{U,T}^0$$

for each  $U = U^p \times \mathrm{Iw}(m)$ , we have equalities

$$\begin{aligned} [H(Y_{\mathrm{Iw}(m),S}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)] &= \sum_{T \supset S} (-1)^{(n-\#S)-(n-\#T)} [H_c(Y_{\mathrm{Iw}(m),T}^0, \mathcal{L}_\xi)] \\ &= \sum_{T \supset S} (-1)^{(n-\#S)-(n-\#T)} [H_c(I_{\mathrm{Iw}(m)}^{(n-\#T)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)]. \end{aligned}$$

As there are  $\binom{n-\#S}{h}$  subsets  $T$  with  $\#T = n-h$  and  $T \supset S$ , we conclude:

**Lemma 2.7.** *We have an equality*

$$[H(Y_{\mathrm{Iw}(m),S}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)] = \sum_{h=0}^{n-\#S} (-1)^{n-\#S-h} \binom{n-\#S}{h} [H_c(I_{\mathrm{Iw}(m)}^{(h)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)]$$

in the Grothendieck group of admissible  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p}) \times \mathrm{Frob}_w^{\mathbb{Z}}$ -modules over  $\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac}$ .

### 3. PROOF OF THE MAIN THEOREM

We now return to the situation in theorem 1.1. Recall that  $L$  is an imaginary CM field and that  $\Pi$  is a cuspidal automorphic representation of  $GL_n(\mathbb{A}_L)$  such that

- $\Pi \circ c \cong \Pi^\vee$ ;
- $\Pi_\infty$  has the same infinitesimal character as some algebraic representation over  $\mathbb{C}$  of the restriction of scalars from  $L$  to  $\mathbb{Q}$  of  $GL_n$ ;
- and for some finite place  $x$  of  $L$  the representation  $\Pi_x$  is square integrable.

Recall also that  $v$  is a place of  $L$  above a rational prime  $p$ , that  $l \neq p$  is a second rational prime and that  $\iota : \mathbb{Q}_l^{ac} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}$ . Recall finally that  $R_l(\Pi)$  is the  $l$ -adic representation associated to  $\Pi$ .

Choose a quadratic CM extension  $L'/L$  in which  $v$  and  $x$  split. Choose places  $v' \neq x'$  of  $L'$  above  $v$  and  $x$  respectively. Also choose an imaginary quadratic field  $E$  and a totally real field  $F^+$  such that

- $[F^+ : \mathbb{Q}]$  is even;
- $F = EF^+$  is soluble and Galois over  $L'$ ;
- $p$  splits as  $uu^c$  in  $E$ ;
- there is a place  $w$  of  $F$  above  $u$  and  $v'$  such that  $\Pi_{F,w}$  has an Iwahori fixed vector;
- $x$  lies above a rational prime which splits in  $E$  and  $x'$  splits in  $F$ .

Denote by  $\Pi_F$  the base change of  $\Pi$  to  $GL_n(\mathbb{A}_F)$ . Note that the component of  $\Pi_F$  at a place above  $x'$  is square integrable and hence  $\Pi_F$  is cuspidal.

Choose a division algebra  $B$  with centre  $F$  as in the previous section and satisfying

- $B_x$  is split for all places  $x \neq z, z^c$  of  $F$ .

Also choose  $\beta$  and  $G$  as in the previous section. Then it follows from theorem VI.2.9 and lemma VI.2.10 of [HT] that we can find

- a character  $\psi : \mathbb{A}_E^\times / E^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ ,
- an irreducible algebraic representation  $\xi$  of  $G$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_l^{ac}$ ,
- and an automorphic representation  $\pi$  of  $G(\mathbb{A})$ ,

such that

- $\pi_\infty$  is cohomological for  $\iota\xi$ ,
- $\psi$  is unramified above  $p$ ,
- $\psi^c|_{E_\infty^\times}$  is the inverse of the restriction of  $\iota\xi$  to  $E_\infty^\times \subset G(\mathbb{R})$ ,
- $\psi^c/\psi$  is the restriction of the central character of  $\Pi_F$  to  $\mathbb{A}_E^\times$ ,
- and if  $x$  is a rational prime which splits  $yy^c$  in  $E$  then  $\pi_x = (\bigotimes_{z|y} \text{JL}^{-1}(\Pi_z)) \otimes \psi_y$  as a representation of  $(B_y^{\text{op}})^\times \times \mathbb{Q}_x^\times \cong (\bigotimes_{z|y} (B_z^{\text{op}})^\times) \times \mathbb{Q}_x^\times$ .

Here  $\text{JL}$  denotes the identity if  $B_z$  is split and denotes the Jacquet-Langlands correspondence if  $B_z$  is a division algebra. (See section I.3 of [HT].)

We will call two irreducible admissible representations  $\pi'$  and  $\pi''$  of  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$  *nearly equivalent* if  $\pi'_x \cong \pi''_x$  for all but finitely many rational primes  $x$ . If  $M$  is an admissible  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$ -module and  $\pi'$  is an irreducible admissible representation of  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$  then we define the  $\pi'$ -*near isotypic* component  $M[\pi']$  of  $M$  to be the largest  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$ -submodule of  $M$  all whose irreducible subquotients are nearly equivalent to  $\pi'$ . Then

$$M = \bigoplus M[\pi']$$

as  $\pi'$  runs over near equivalence classes of irreducible admissible  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$ -modules. (This follows from the following fact. Suppose that  $A$  is a (commutative) polynomial algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  in countably many variables, and that  $M$  is an  $A$ -module which is finitely generated over

ℂ. Then we can write

$$M = \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{m}} M_{\mathfrak{m}},$$

where  $\mathfrak{m}$  runs over maximal ideals of  $A$  with residue field  $\mathbb{C}$ .)

We consider the Shimura varieties  $X_U/F$  for open compact subgroups  $U$  of  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$  as in the last section. Then

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi) = \varinjlim_U H^i(X_U \times_F F^{ac}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)$$

is a semisimple, admissible  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$ -module with a commuting continuous action of the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(F^{ac}/F)$ . (For details see III.2 of [HT].)

The following lemma follows from [HT], particularly corollary VI.2.3, corollary VI.2.7 and theorem VII.1.7.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Keep the notation and assumptions above. (In particular we are assuming that  $\pi$  arises from a cuspidal automorphic representation  $\Pi$  of  $GL_n(\mathbb{A}_F)$ .)*

- (1) *If  $i \neq n-1$  then  $H^i(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi] = (0)$ .*
- (2) *As  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty) \times \text{Gal}(F^{ac}/F)$ -modules,*

$$H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi] = \bigoplus_{\pi'} \pi' \otimes R'_l(\Pi)^{m(\pi')} \otimes R_l(\psi),$$

*where  $\pi'$  runs over irreducible admissible representations of  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$  nearly equivalent to  $\pi$  and where  $m(\pi') \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , and  $R_l(\Pi) = R'_l(\Pi)^{\text{ss}}$ .*

- (3)  *$m(\pi) > 0$ .*
- (4) *If  $m(\pi') > 0$  then  $\pi'_p \cong \pi_p$ .*

If  $\pi'$  is an irreducible admissible representation of  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$  we can decompose it as  $(\pi')^p \otimes (\prod_{i=2}^r \pi'_{w_i}) \otimes \pi'_w \otimes \pi'_{p,0}$ , corresponding to the decomposition (1). If  $\pi''$  is an irreducible admissible representation of  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p})$  and  $N$  is an admissible  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p})$ -module then we can define the  $\pi''$ -near isotypic component of  $N$  in the same manner as we did for  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$ -modules. If  $M$  is an admissible  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$ -module and  $\pi'$  is an irreducible admissible representation of  $G(\mathbb{A}^\infty)$  then

$$M^{\text{Iw}(m)}[(\pi')^p] = M[\pi']^{\text{Iw}(m)}.$$

We will write

$$H^i(X_{\text{Iw}(m)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi) = \varinjlim_{U^p} H^i(X_{U^p \times \text{Iw}(m)} \times_F F^{ac}, \mathcal{L}_\xi) \cong H^i(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)^{\text{Iw}(m)}.$$

It is a semisimple admissible  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p})$ -module with a commuting continuous action of  $\text{Gal}(F^{ac}/F)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Keep the above notation and assumptions. (In particular we are assuming that  $\pi$  arises from a cuspidal automorphic representation  $\Pi$  of  $GL_n(\mathbb{A}_F)$ .) Let  $U^p$  be a*

sufficiently small open compact subgroup of  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p})$ . Then

$$\mathrm{WD}(H^{n-1}(X_{\mathrm{Iw}(m)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p})$$

is pure.

*Proof:* As  $X_U = X_{U^p \times \mathrm{Iw}(m)}$  is strictly semistable by proposition 2.4, we can use the Rapoport-Zink weight spectral sequence [RZ] to compute  $H^{n-1}(X_{\mathrm{Iw}(m)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)$ . For  $X_U$ , it reads

$$E_1^{i,j}(U) = \bigoplus_{t \geq \max(0, -i)} \bigoplus_{\#S=i+2t+1} H^{j-2t}(Y_{U,S} \times_{k(w)} k(w)^{ac}, \mathcal{L}_\xi(-t)) \Rightarrow H^{i+j}(X_U \times_F F_w^{ac}, \mathcal{L}_\xi).$$

Passing to the limit with respect to  $U^p$ , it gives rise to the following spectral sequence of admissible  $G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty,p}) \times \mathrm{Frob}_w^{\mathbb{Z}}$ -modules

$$E_1^{i,j}(\mathrm{Iw}(m)) = \bigoplus_{t \geq \max(0, -i)} \bigoplus_{\#S=i+2t+1} H^{j-2t}(Y_{\mathrm{Iw}(m),S}, \mathcal{L}_\xi(-t)) \Rightarrow H^{i+j}(X_{\mathrm{Iw}(m)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi).$$

Hence we get a spectral sequence of  $\mathrm{Frob}_w^{\mathbb{Z}}$ -modules

$$(2) \quad E_1^{i,j}(\mathrm{Iw}(m))[\pi^p]^{U^p} \Rightarrow H^{i+j}(X_{\mathrm{Iw}(m)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p}.$$

The sheaf  $\mathcal{L}_\xi$  is pure, say of weight  $w_\xi$ . Thus the action of  $\mathrm{Frob}_w$  on  $E_1^{i,j}$  is pure of weight  $w_\xi + j$  by the Weil conjectures. The theory of weight spectral sequence ([RZ]) defines an operator

$$N : E_1^{i,j}(\mathrm{Iw}(m))[\pi^p]^{U^p}(1) \rightarrow E_1^{i+2,j-2}(\mathrm{Iw}(m))[\pi^p]^{U^p},$$

which induces the  $N$  for  $\mathrm{WD}(H^{i+j}(X_{\mathrm{Iw}(m)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p})$  and has the property that

$$N^i : E_1^{-i,j+i}(\mathrm{Iw}(m))[\pi^p]^{U^p}(i) \xrightarrow{\sim} E_1^{i,j-i}(\mathrm{Iw}(m))[\pi^p]^{U^p}$$

for all  $i$ . If the spectral sequence (2) degenerates at  $E_1$ , then it follows that the Weil-Deligne representation  $\mathrm{WD}(H^{n-1}(X_{\mathrm{Iw}(m)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p})$  is pure of weight  $w_\xi + (n-1)$ . Thus it suffices to show that

$$E_1^{i,j}(\mathrm{Iw}(m))[\pi^p]^{U^p} = (0)$$

if  $i+j \neq n-1$ , i.e. that

$$H^j(Y_{\mathrm{Iw}(m),S}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p} = (0)$$

if  $j \neq n - \#S$ .

We first recall some notation from [HT]. For  $h = 0, \dots, n-1$  let  $P_h$  denote the maximal parabolic in  $GL_n$  consisting of matrices  $g \in GL_n$  with  $g_{ij} = 0$  for  $i > n-h$  and  $j \leq n-h$ . Also let  $N_h$  denote the unipotent radical of  $P_h$ , let  $P_h^{\mathrm{op}}$  denote the opposite parabolic and let  $N_h^{\mathrm{op}}$  denote the unipotent radical of  $P_h^{\mathrm{op}}$ . Let  $D_{F_w, n-h}$  denote the division algebra with centre  $F_w$  and Hasse invariant  $1/(n-h)$ . If  $\pi'$  is a square integrable representation of  $GL_{n-h}(F_w)$ , let  $\varphi_{\pi'}$  denote a pseudo-coefficient for  $\pi'$  as in section I.3 of [HT]. (Note that this depends on the choice of a Haar measure, but in the formulae below this choice will always be cancelled by the choice of an associated Haar measure on  $D_{F_w, n-h}^\times$ . See [HT] for details.)

If we introduce the limit of cohomology groups of Igusa varieties for varying level structure at  $p$  as in (see p.136 of [HT]);

$$[H_c(I^{(h)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)] = \sum_i (-1)^{h-i} \varinjlim_{U^p, m} H_c^i(I_{U^p, m}^{(h)} \times_{k(w)} k(w)^{ac}, \mathcal{L}_\xi),$$

then the second isomorphism of corollary 2.6 and theorem V.5.4 of [HT] tell us that

$$\begin{aligned} n[H_c(I_{\text{Iw}(m)}^{(h)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)] &= n[H_c(I^{(h)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)]^{U_p^w(m) \times \text{Iw}_{h,w}} \\ &= \sum_i (-1)^{n-1-i} \text{Red}^{(h)}[H^i(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)^{U_p^w(m)}] \end{aligned}$$

in  $\text{Groth}(G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty, p}) \times \text{Frob}_w^{\mathbb{Z}})$ , where

$$\text{Red}^{(h)} : \text{Groth}(GL_n(F_w) \times \mathbb{Q}_p^\times) \longrightarrow \text{Groth}(\text{Frob}_w^{\mathbb{Z}})$$

is the composite of the normalised Jacquet functor

$$J_{N_h^{\text{op}}} : \text{Groth}(GL_n(F_w) \times \mathbb{Q}_p^\times) \longrightarrow \text{Groth}(GL_{n-h}(F_w) \times GL_h(F_w) \times \mathbb{Q}_p^\times)$$

with the functor

$$\text{Groth}(GL_{n-h}(F_w) \times GL_h(F_w) \times \mathbb{Q}_p^\times) \longrightarrow \text{Groth}(\text{Frob}_w^{\mathbb{Z}})$$

which sends  $[\alpha \otimes \beta \otimes \gamma]$  to

$$\sum_{\phi} \text{vol}(D_{F_w, n-h}^\times / F_w^\times)^{-1} \text{tr } \alpha(\varphi_{\text{Sp}_{n-h}(\phi)}) (\dim \beta^{\text{Iw}_{h,w}}) \left[ \text{rec}(\phi^{-1} \mid |w|^{\frac{1-n}{2}} (\gamma_{\mathbb{Z}_p^\times}^\circ \circ \mathbf{N}_{F_w/E_u})^{-1}) \right],$$

where the sum is over characters  $\phi$  of  $F_w^\times / \mathcal{O}_{F_w}^\times$ . (We just took the  $\text{Iw}_{h,w}$ -invariant part of the  $\text{Red}_1^{(h)}$ , which is defined on p.182 of [HT]. Note that  $\text{Frob}_w$  acts on  $H_c(I^{(h)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)$  as

$$(1, p^{-[k(w):\mathbb{F}_p]}, -1, 1, 1) \in G(\mathbb{A}^{\infty, p}) \times (\mathbb{Q}_p^\times / \mathbb{Z}_p^\times) \times \mathbb{Z} \times GL_h(F_w) \times \left( \prod_{i=2}^r (B_{w_i}^{\text{op}})^\times \right),$$

where we have identified  $D_{F_w, n-h}^\times / \mathcal{O}_{D_{F_w, n-h}}^\times$  with  $\mathbb{Z}$  via  $w(\det)$ .)

In particular, by lemma 3.1(1), we have an equality in  $\text{Groth}(\text{Frob}_w^{\mathbb{Z}})$ :

$$n[H_c(I_{\text{Iw}(m)}^{(h)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p}] = \text{Red}^{(h)}[H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)^{U_p^w(m)}[\pi^p]^{U^p}].$$

Moreover  $H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)^{U_p^w(m)}[\pi^p]^{U^p}$  is  $\pi_w \otimes \pi_{p,0}$ -isotypic as a  $GL_n(F_w) \times \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$ -module by lemma 3.1(4). As  $\pi_w = \Pi_{F,w}$  has an Iwahori fixed vector and  $\pi_{p,0} = \psi_u$  is unramified,

$$(\dim \Pi_{F,w}^{\text{Iw}_{n,w}})[H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)^{U_p^w(m)}[\pi^p]^{U^p}] = (\dim H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)^{\text{Iw}(m)}[\pi^p]^{U^p})[\Pi_{F,w} \otimes \psi_u],$$

and

$$n(\dim \Pi_{F,w}^{\text{Iw}_{n,w}})[H_c(I_{\text{Iw}(m)}^{(h)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p}] = (\dim H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)^{\text{Iw}(m)}[\pi^p]^{U^p}) \text{Red}^{(h)}[\Pi_{F,w} \otimes \psi_u].$$

Combining this with lemma 2.7, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & n(\dim \Pi_{F,w}^{\text{Iw}_{n,w}})[H(Y_{\text{Iw}(m),S}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p}] \\ &= (\dim H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)^{\text{Iw}(m)}[\pi^p]^{U^p}) \sum_{h=0}^{n-\#S} (-1)^{n-\#S-h} \binom{n-\#S}{h} \text{Red}^{(h)}[\Pi_{F,w} \otimes \psi_u]. \end{aligned}$$

As  $\Pi_{F,w}$  is tempered, it is a full normalised induction of the form

$$\text{n-Ind}_{P(F_w)}^{GL_n(F_w)}(\text{Sp}_{s_1}(\pi_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes \text{Sp}_{s_t}(\pi_t)),$$

where  $\pi_i$  is an irreducible cuspidal representation of  $GL_{g_i}(F_w)$  and  $P$  is a parabolic subgroup of  $GL_n$  with Levi component  $GL_{s_1 g_1} \times \cdots \times GL_{s_t g_t}$ . As  $\Pi_{F,w}$  has an Iwahori fixed vector, we must have  $g_i = 1$  and  $\pi_i$  unramified for all  $i$ . Note that, for this type of representation (full induced from square integrables  $\text{Sp}_{s_i}(\pi_i)$  with  $\pi_i$  an unramified character of  $F_w^\times$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} & \dim(\text{n-Ind}_{P(F_w)}^{GL_n(F_w)}(\text{Sp}_{s_1}(\pi_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes \text{Sp}_{s_t}(\pi_t)))^{\text{Iw}_{n,w}} \\ &= \#P(k(w)) \backslash GL_n(k(w)) / B_n(k(w)) = \frac{n!}{\prod_j s_j!}. \end{aligned}$$

We can compute  $\text{Red}^{(h)}[\Pi_{F,w} \otimes \psi_u]$  using lemma I.3.9 of [HT] (but note the typo there — “positive integers  $h_1, \dots, h_t$ ” should read “non-negative integers  $h_1, \dots, h_t$ ”). Putting  $V_i = \text{rec}(\pi_i^{-1} | \frac{1-n}{2} (\psi_u \circ \mathbf{N}_{F_w/E_u})^{-1})$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Red}^{(h)}[\Pi_{F,w} \otimes \psi_u] &= \sum_i \dim(\text{n-Ind}_{P'(F_w)}^{GL_h(F_w)}(\text{Sp}_{s_i+h-n}(\pi_i | \cdot^{n-h}) \otimes \bigotimes_{j \neq i} \text{Sp}_{s_j}(\pi_j)))^{\text{Iw}_{h,w}} [V_i] \\ &= \sum_i \frac{h!}{(s_i + h - n)! \prod_{j \neq i} s_j!} [V_i] \end{aligned}$$

where the sum runs only over those  $i$  for which  $s_i \geq n - h$ , and  $P' \subset GL_h$  is a parabolic subgroup. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & n \frac{n!}{\prod_j s_j!} [H(Y_{\text{Iw}(m),S}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p}] \\ &= D \sum_{h=0}^{n-\#S} (-1)^{n-\#S-h} \binom{n-\#S}{h} \sum_{i: s_i \geq n-h} \frac{h!}{(s_i + h - n)! \prod_{j \neq i} s_j!} [V_i] \\ &= D \sum_{i=1}^t \frac{(n-\#S)!}{(s_i - \#S)! \prod_{j \neq i} s_j!} \sum_{h=n-s_i}^{n-\#S} (-1)^{n-\#S-h} \binom{s_i - \#S}{h + s_i - n} [V_i] \\ &= D \sum_{s_i = \#S} \frac{(n-\#S)!}{\prod_{j \neq i} s_j!} [V_i], \end{aligned}$$

where  $D = \dim H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)^{\text{Iw}(m)}[\pi^p]^{U^p}$ , and so

$$n \binom{n}{\#S} [H(Y_{\text{Iw}(m),S}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p}] = (\dim H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{L}_\xi)^{\text{Iw}(m)}[\pi^p]^{U^p}) \sum_{s_i = \#S} [V_i].$$

As  $\Pi_{F,w}$  is tempered,  $\text{rec}(\Pi_{F,w}^\vee \otimes (\psi_u^\vee \circ \mathbf{N}_{F_w/E_u}) | \det |^{\frac{1-n}{2}})$  is pure of weight  $w_\xi + (n-1)$ . Hence

$$V_i = \text{rec}(\pi_i^{-1} | \frac{1-\#S}{w^2} (\psi_u \circ \mathbf{N}_{F_w/E_u})^{-1} | \frac{\#S-n}{w^2})$$

is strictly pure of weight  $w_\xi + (n - \#S)$ . The Weil conjectures then tell us that

$$H^j(Y_{\text{Iw}(m),S}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p} = (0)$$

for  $j \neq n - \#S$ . The theorem follows.  $\square$

We can now conclude the proof of theorem 1.1. Choose  $k$  so that  $|\chi_\Pi| = | \frac{n(k+n-1)}{L} |$  where  $\chi_\Pi$  is the central character of  $\Pi$ . Set

$$V = H^{n-1}(X_{\text{Iw}(m)}, \mathcal{L}_\xi)[\pi^p]^{U^p} \otimes R_l(\psi)^{-1},$$

a continuous representation of  $\text{Gal}(F^{ac}/F)$ . We know that

- (1)  $V^{\text{ss}} \cong R_l(\Pi)|_{\text{Gal}(F^{ac}/F)}^a$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,
- (2)  $V$  is pure of weight  $k$  (proposition III.2.1 of [HT] and a computation of the determinant),
- (3)  $\text{WD}(V|_{\text{Gal}(F_w^{ac}/F_w)})$  is pure of weight  $k$  (use theorem 3.2 and a computation of the determinant).

Thus lemma 1.4 tells us that  $\text{WD}(R_l(\Pi)|_{\text{Gal}(L_v^{ac}/L_v)})^{F\text{-ss}}$  is pure. On the other hand, as  $\Pi_v$  is tempered (corollary VII.1.11 of [HT]),  $\text{rec}(\Pi_v^\vee | \det |^{\frac{1-n}{2}})$  is pure by lemma 1.3(3). As the representation of the Weil group in  $\text{rec}(\Pi_v^\vee | \det |^{\frac{1-n}{2}})$  and  $\text{WD}(R_l(\Pi)|_{\text{Gal}(L_v^{ac}/L_v)})^{F\text{-ss}}$  are equivalent, we deduce from lemma 1.3(4) that

$$\iota \text{WD}(R_l(\Pi)|_{\text{Gal}(L_v^{ac}/L_v)})^{F\text{-ss}} \cong \text{rec}(\Pi_v^\vee | \det |^{\frac{1-n}{2}}),$$

as desired.

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